GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:292
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DEVELOPMENT OF NON- OPERATIONAL AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a global consultancy firm has urged the Government to put to use the non-operational airports in the country;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government in this refard;

(c) whether there is an urgent need to develop small airports also in the country to decongest the traffic at regular airports; and

(d) if so, the steps the Government proposes to taken in this direction?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a), (b), (c) & (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement in reply to parts (a), (b), (c) & (d) of the Lok Sabha Starred () Question No. 292 for 18.12.2008 regarding Development of Non-operational Airports. (a) Government have not received any such proposal of this nature from any Global Consultancy Firm.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) & (d) AAI has appointed M/s RITES Ltd as Consultant to carry out a feasibility study of AAI's 32 Non-operational airports. Report of the Consultant is likely to be received by December end. A pre feasibility study for operationalisation of 326 number of unused Airports/ Airstrips belonging to Defence / Private Sector and State Governments is also planned. Based on the study and recommendations therein, the Airports/Airstrips found to be having potential will be considered for development / operationalisation so as to improve air connectivity in the country.